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Honorable F. Edward Hebert, Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In view of recent publicity about my briefings of Congress on the subject of the Soviet presence in the Indian Ocean, it might be useful to summarize my position. I have taken no position on the desirability of U. S. activities or programs with respect to Diego Garcia. My testimony has been limited to the subject of the Soviet presence in the Indian Ocean and how this presence is likely to change over the next few years.

The thrust of my testimony was that the Soviet presence began in March 1968 and in my opinion will increase gradually regardless of what the U. S. does. I have indicated, however, that a Soviet buildup, faster and larger than this, would be likely if the U. S. made a substantial increase in its presence in the Indian Ocean.

If I can be of further assistance to you in this matter, I will be pleased to do so.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby
Director

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